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4. Diplomatic Corps Visits Madain Salih. / Several members of Jidda's diplomatic corps visited the Nabatean ruins of Madain Salih, 800 kilometers north of Jidda, during the 'Id al-Fitr holidays. One purpose of this trip was to turn the attention of the Saudi government to the archeological possibilities and scenic attractions of this hitherto remote and rarely visited area of the Hejaz. (UNCLASSIFIE

Comment: It was indicative of the new forthcoming attitude of the Saudi Ministry of Information that it provided a special chartered aircraft to transport New York Times correspondent Dana Adams Schmidt from Jidda to join the party when he was unable to arrive in time to travel with the convoy by road. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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No newspapers during 'Id which started on Thursday, February 13.

1. United Arab Reply to U.S. Stand on Israel. Newspapers published on February 12 had front-page banner headline reading UNIFIED ARAB REPLY. The subtitle read ARAB STATES IN PROCESS OF CONTACTING EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO PREPARE THE REPLY TO AMERICA'S STAND ON ISRAEL. In the text of the item Al-Nadwa of February 12 referred specifically to the statement made by "American President Johnson concerning the attitude of his country toward Israel." (UNCLASSIFIED)

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5. PAO Interviewed on Saudi Radio During Ramadhan. As "guest for tonight" the PAO was interviewed in a one-hour program broadcast February 12. He sought the opportunity to appeal to the Saudi youth "not to shrink from hard work, not to be ashamed to work with their hands, and not to insist on starting from the top when they enter their post-school careers." A few people telephoned the PAO at home to say that his remarks were both "brave and effectively to the point." (UNCLASSIFIED)

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